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The following message was submitted to the Office of Attorney General:

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Comments:

This is by and large a good set of rules with one exception regarding electronic records vs. paper records. The rule states "either in an electronic format or by reducing the electronic records to a paper format" in WAC 44-14-050 and WAC 44-14-07003, and this is, in my view, a very well crafted loophole for the public officials to public disclosure. Imagine a request for a database containing 10,000 records where each record fills up a page on paper. If the official conveniently chooses to "reduce the electronic records to a paper format", it will cost the requester \$1,000 for copying, which effectively make the request prohibitively expensive. Furthermore, these records in paper is literally useless for the requester to do any meaningful research with. If your intention is to make it more accessible by the public, this seemingly glaring loophole must be closed immediately. Sincerely, Chang Oh